



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: GEORGE E. BITTNER  
Application No.: 09/931,607  
Art Unit: 3748  
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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD  
FOR A HEAT ENGINE

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**RESPONSE**

This letter is in response to an Office communication mailed on August 27, 2002 for a timely submission under 37 CFR 1.129(a) filed on July 29, 2002 not fully responsive to the prior Office Action that was mailed on May 21, 2002. The Response and Amendment to that Office Action was filed on June 27, 2002.

**REMARKS**

The Applicant has traversed the Response and Amendment filed on June 27, 2002, as requested by the Examiners' Office communication dated August 27, 2002, and is of the opinion that all pages and words now clearly provide a complete reply to the prior Office Action.

The Applicant is appreciative of the Examiners' telephone communication on September 5, 2002, indicating that he did not have all the words to the Response and Amendment, filed on June 27, 2002, and did not have all the words to the clean version of the replacement paragraphs and amended claims filed on July 29, 2002. The Applicant is now submitting a complete copy of